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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi airspace for purposes of observation and provocation during the period 18-24 September 1992, as follows:

18-19 September 1992

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties, flown by F-15, F-16, Mirage and other types of aircraft at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and altitudes of 2,000 to 7,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 59 sorties, flown by F-4, F-14, F-15, F-16 and other types of aircraft at speeds of 480 to 900 kilometres per hour and altitudes of 5,000 to 20,000 metres, centred over Basra, Amarah, Shatrah, Artawi, Salman and Busayyah. At 1258 the same day a TR-1 aircraft penetrated 8 kilometres north of the 32nd parallel; it left Iraqi airspace at 1500 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabia, passing over Hafr al-Batin.

19-20 September 1992

(a) Northern region: 26 sorties at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 5,000 metres, centred over Zakho, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Mosul and Irbil.

(b) Southern region: 91 sorties, flown by F-4, F-14, F-15, F-16 and other types of aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and altitudes of 6,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Busayyah, Salman, Basra, Shatrah and Amarah.

20-21 September 1992

(a) Northern region: 38 sorties at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and altitudes of 2,000 to 5,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Zakho, Dukan and Sanjar.

(b) Southern region: 41 sorties, flown by F-4, F-15, F-16, Mirage and other types of aircraft at speeds of 700 to 900 kilometres per hour and altitudes of 4,000 to 11,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Qurnah, the area south of Diwaniyah, Salman and Busayyah.

21-22 September 1992

(a) Northern region: 14 sorties at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and altitudes of 7,000 to 18,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Amadiyah, Rawanduz and Dukan.

(b) Southern region: 55 sorties, flown by F-4, F-15, F-16, TR-1 and other types of aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and altitudes of 7,000 to 20,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Qurnah and Busayyah.

22-23 September 1992

(a) Northern region: 3 sorties at speeds of 600 to 720 kilometres per hour and at medium altitude, centred over Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 68 sorties, flown by F-14, F-15, F-16 and other types of aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and altitudes of 6,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Amarah, Nasiriyah, Basra, Salman, Samawah, Busayyah and Qurnah.

23-24 September 1992

(a) Northern region: 23 sorties at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 58 sorties, flown by F-4, F-15, F-16 and other types of aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Salman and Busayyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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